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SUBJECT RUMORS OF CONTINUANCE OF USAF AT GOOSE BAY

1. FEDERAL MP WILLIAM ROMPKEY HAS TELEPHONED BOTH THIS OFFICE AND GOOSE BAY AB TO QUERY RE RUMORS THAT PLANNED USAF PULL-OUT AT GOOSE WILL NOT BE TOTAL AND THAT AN AMERICAN PRESENCE OF UNSPECIFIED SIZE AND COMPOSITION IS TO REMAIN. UNDERSTAND RUMORS STEM FROM LETTER SENT TO CANADIAN EMPLOYEES BY BASE HEADQUARTERS AT BEHEST OF USAF HEADQUARTERS STATING THAT ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TO EMPLOYEES GIVING REQUIRED 60-DAYS PRIOR NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT ARE NOT TO BE ISSUED AS EXPECTED AT THIS TIME.

2. RUMORS AND ROMPKEY'S INTEREST HAVE BEEN GIVEN PROMINENT ATTENTION IN PRESS HERE AND GOOSE BAY COMMANDER INFORMS ME HE IS TO BE INTERVIEWED ON TV ABOUT THEM. ALTHOUGH HE PLANS STATE THAT POSSIBLE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF USAF AT GOOSE IS NOTHING MORE THAN RUMOR AT THIS TIME, I KNOW HE WOULD AGREE WITH ME THAT PUBLIC STATEMENT OF USAF'S INTENTIONS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.
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